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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Bureau of Health Professions
Licensing Division

SUBJECT: Application for Licensure as an Audiologist

DATE: January 2006

We would like to welcome you to the Bureau of Health Professions and licensure as a health professional. In May 2004, legislation was passed to require all people working as audiologists to become licensed. Only those individuals who hold a license will be able practice as an audiologist and use the title of audiologist or audiometrist. The Board of Audiology first met in February 2005 to develop administrative rules to assist in determining the qualifications for licensure. The administrative rules were adopted in December 2005, so now the licensure process can begin. Anyone currently employed as an audiologist should apply for licensure by December 1, 2006.

Please refer to the application packet that can be downloaded from this website for complete documentation requirements.

If you are interested in becoming a licensed audiologist, you must apply for licensure in one of the following ways:

There are 2 ways you can qualify for Full Licensure by Examination:

Method #1 – If you have ever been ASHA or AAA Certified

1. Submit a completed licensure by examination application form and fee to the Board office
2. Have ASHA or AAA send verification of either current or past certification with their organization directly to the Board office

Method #2 - Documentation from Original Source

1. Submit a completed licensure by examination application form and fee to the Board office
2. Have your school send transcripts that show the date your master's or doctoral (Ph.D.) degree in audiology, or doctor of audiology (Au.D.) was conferred
3. If you do not have an Au.D. degree, you must submit certification of 9 months of supervised clinical audiology experience from a licensed or certified audiologist. A form is included in the application packet for this purpose
4. Arrange for a score report of either the PRAXIS Series II Test in Audiology or the National Teacher's Examination in Audiology to be forwarded to the Board directly from ETS, the testing company

If you have a master's degree or doctoral (Ph.D.) degree in audiology, but still need to complete 9 months of supervised clinical experience in order to be fully licensed, you must apply for a Limited License by:

1. Submitting a completed limited licensure application form and fee to the Board office
2. Having your school send transcripts that show the date your master's or doctoral (Ph.D.) degree in audiology was conferred
3. Submitting certification from a qualified supervisor (licensed or ASHA or ABA certified) of your appointment to a clinical situation. A form is included in the application packet for this purpose
4. You must hold a limited license while obtaining your supervised clinical experience in order for those hours to count toward the requirements for full licensure
5. Once you have completed your supervised clinical experience, you must apply for a full license by examination using the instructions for Method #2 on page 1 of this memo

If you are currently licensed in another state or Canadian province that has substantially equivalent requirements for licensure, you may apply for Licensure by Endorsement. The instructions for this type of licensure are included in the application packet.

We will begin reviewing applications upon receipt. You will be notified if any documentation is missing from your application file. If your first license is issued prior to November 1, 2006, it will expire on December 31, 2006. You should anticipate receiving an application for renewal of your license in November. Upon receipt of payment and the renewal application, you will be issued a license that will be valid for two years.

NOTE: Once you are licensed as an audiologist, you will not need to be licensed as a hearing aid dealer to select, fit and dispense amplification systems. You will be able to do these tasks under your audiology license.

Starting in January 2007, you will be required to complete 20 hours of continuing education credits in each 2-year license period. If your license is not valid for a full two-year period, you will not be required to complete continuing education. Additional information regarding approved continuing education programs or how to seek approval for programs will be posted on this website as soon as it is available.